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September 10, 1984

The Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

At 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 18, in S-407 of the U.S. Capitol, the Select Committee on Intelligence will hold a briefing on the general topic of Chemical/Biological Weapons Use. We invite you or your representative to participate along with other officials of the intelligence community responsible for providing CBW intelligence to the U.S. government.

As this Congress comes to a close, it seems important that our Committee revisit the current use of CBW and takes a look at where this new technology may lead us in the future. We have been in touch with your staff and have tentatively agreed to discuss three specific areas: CBW usage in Southeast Asia and Afghanistan, usage of CBW technology in the Iran/Iraq war, and finally, an examination of "novel agents" and CBW proliferation questions which might affect us in the future.

We hope that the intelligence community presentation will deal in part with what needed resources we should expect in order that intelligence requirements on the subject of CBW be adequately fulfilled, currently and futher into the future.

We are hopeful that this briefing will be useful to the community and benefical to the Committee.

Sincerely,

Barry Coldwater

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